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EXPANDING THE USE OF COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS FUELED VEHICLES

The County's Clean Fuel Program established a clean air policy to improve air quality in the South Coast Basin through the expanded use of clean fuels in County vehicles. Recently, the Clean Fuel Program was amended to require that the County purchase hybrid vehicles as its standard sedan for non-emergency uses.

Beginning in 2000, the South Coast AQMD adopted a series of Clean On-Road Fleet Vehicle Rules to shift public agencies to lower-emissions fuel vehicles. Compressed natural gas fueled vehicles meet the reduced emissions requirement established by these rules. Currently, over 10,600 natural gas vehicles are operating in public fleets in the four-county South Coast AQMD. The MTA has one of the area's largest compressed natural gas fleets and operates several fueling sites throughout the region. The County operates a compressed natural gas fueling site at our Alameda Garage.

Compressed natural gas is a currently available clean and effective fuel for vehicle use, particularly, for heavy-duty trucks and buses. Compressed natural gas fueled vehicles should be considered for expanded use in County operations.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Direct the Chief Executive Office, in conjunction with the Internal Services Department, Department of Public Works, and Sheriff to examine opportunities for expanding the use of compressed natural gas vehicles in County operations with special emphasis on buses, trucks and waste collection vehicles, and to pursue the establishment of an agreement with the MTA to allow the re-fueling of County compressed natural gas vehicles at MTA fueling sites; and, furthermore
- 2) Direct the Chief Executive Officer to report back to the Board within 90 days with his findings and recommendations.

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